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AG report sparks 'eureka moment' among councillors

Heady stuff. Officials keyed up over release clarifying scattered, unfocused approach to economic development

An auditor general's report on the prosaic subject of economic development had some Halifax regional councillors pretty fired up on Wednesday.

"I think it's a bit of a eureka moment," said Mayor Mike Savage after a round of enthusiastic commentary at Wednesday's audit and finance committee meeting. "You're saying some things that we're all recognizing."

Larry Munroe's report examines HRM's economic development strategy — or lack thereof — with 21 recommendations for improvement.

"We are suggesting a far more focused approach to economic development," he said. "There are too many things that we're looking to do, too many concepts."

Munroe said a chief eco-

Report up for viewing



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off an outpouring of responses around the table on the economic-development potential waiting to be unleashed in HRM.

"I'm hoping that we will be bold," said Coun. Lorelei Nicoll. "Economic development is certainly a means to an end, but it's complex ... and this is HRM council's strategy. We approved it and we have to effectively deliver it now."

Coun. Stephen Adams was emphatic about the need to review GHP matters.

"I'm very hesitant to give another dime to GHP," he said. "I've been asking for I don't know how many years for a result ... something that could tell us we're getting good value."

Coun. Tim Outhit defended the agency, saying benefits aren't always quantifiable.

"I run an economic development think-tank, and bringing people together to talk, changing attitudes ... there is some value to that," he said. "It's hard to put a tangible value on, and maybe we need to be looking for more."

RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

GOING WIRELESS

Eastlink Wireless president Matthew MacLellan shows off his smartphone prior to a launch party on Wednesday. Eastlink is now offering wireless phone plans along with its normal cable, phone and Internet services. Story, page 4. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Sexual assault in north end

Police appeal for witnesses after woman, 21, allegedly attacked on Agricola Street PAGE 3

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Agricola Street

Police say woman, 21, sexually assaulted in north-end Halifax

Halifax police are investigating an alleged sexual assault against a 21-year-old woman.

Around 2 a.m. on Wednesday, police say the victim was walking on Agricola Street between West and Cunard streets. As she was walking, police say a man standing on the sidewalk called out to her and said he would phone her a taxi.

Staff Sgt. Barb Saunders of Halifax Regional Police said the man then approached the victim, pushed her up against the wall of a nearby building and sexually assaulted her.

The woman was able to break free, Saunders said, and the suspect fled the area.

The victim went home and then to the hospital where she was treated and released.

Saunders said anyone who was in the area at the time could have important information for investigators.

"There could be another witness out there that actually didn't know they saw anything, but now that this is brought to their attention it may make them recall what they saw," Saunders said. "I mean even the smallest amount ... could be helpful to us."

Police describe the suspect as a white man, about 24 years old, five-foot-10, with medium length light brown hair with some scruff on his face. He was wearing jeans and a black jacket.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to contact police at 490-5020 or Crime Stoppers. **HALEY RYAN/METRO**



A skater makes the rounds on the Emera Oval on Wednesday afternoon. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Haligonians discuss permanent oval spot

Consultation. Building will replace all temporary structures currently on oval site



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About 100 people hovered around tables and tossed around ideas at a meeting Wednesday meant to better define the public's vision for a permanent building at the Emera Oval site.

Residents young and old sipped coffee and tea and jotted down ideas on Post-it notes in a conference room at the Atlantica Hotel in downtown

Halifax, just a few steps away from the oval on the Halifax Common.

The ideas, which were posted on a large sheet of paper, ranged from concrete notions of how the building should be used to adjectives such as "attractive" and "inviting."

Many hoped the roughly 3,600-square-foot building would incorporate environmentally friendly aspects, such as solar panels and natural materials.

Nearly everyone agreed that the building should provide breathtaking views of the oval, which is used year-round, and incorporate a family-friendly lounge area.

Halifax resident Kate Johnston said as a regular user of the oval she wanted to partici-

Quoted

"I want it to be a beautiful space where people can go and feel good about being there." Kate Johnston, Halifax

pate in the meeting to help ensure the building is a "beautiful space."

"People want to see open spaces and light, bright family spaces and places where they can enjoy the indoors and outdoors," said Johnston.

Each table was equipped with large white boards that included the building's rough plans on the site near Cogswell Street. Residents were asked to lay out amenities using labelled pieces that represented different rooms, like storage, washrooms and a lounge.

The consultation followed a public engagement meeting last April and an online survey, said John Henry, manager of aquatic, recreation and outdoor services for the municipality.

Now, staff will gather the ideas and a building concept will be presented at another public meeting in April, said Henry.

Construction is slated to begin late this fall and will be ready for the summer of 2014 or that year's skating season, said Henry.

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Tech news. Eastlink ready to play with wireless big boys

A homegrown communications company is now rivaling some of Canada's wireless giants.

Eastlink, owned by Bragg Communications Inc., is offering cellphones on a no-term contract basis.

Eastlink Wireless president Matthew MacLellan said the company's local flavour was incorporated into the new service, which includes Canada's first and only 4G LTE network.

"You've got competitors of ours based out of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver," MacLellan told a crowd on Wednesday at the Eastlink store on Spring Garden Road. "We think we can do it from Halifax and we think we can do it just as well and better."

"Why should you have to go to your cottage and have to stand up on the roof to try and get a cell signal?"

Existing Eastlink customers can opt to bundle a cellphone with their Internet, television or home phone to save between 10 and 20 per cent.

By the numbers

\$200M

It cost \$200 million to launch Eastlink's wireless service.

"We're trying to build this from a customer perspective," MacLellan said. "We really tried to listen to everything that customers said that they liked about cellphones and cellphone companies and the things they didn't like."

He said the company has added between 100 and 120 new jobs to support its wireless division. It has also beefed up customer service and technical support.

The wireless service will be offered at the Spring Garden Road store starting on Thursday and will roll out to other stores in the next few weeks.

The network will serve Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, MacLellan said.

ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

Investigation. Local police looking for missing parolee

Halifax police are asking for the public's help in finding a man wanted on an outstanding warrant after he walked away from a halfway house in Halifax this week.

Michael David Patterson, 29, was paroled from prison late last year and on

Monday left the halfway house and hasn't returned. Investigators believe he is still in Nova Scotia, although he also has ties to Ontario.

Const. Pierre Bourdages of Halifax Regional Police said the public shouldn't be concerned or on high alert over this case. However, he did say Patterson is a convicted criminal and is in the halfway house as part of punishment for his crimes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 490-5020 or Crime Stoppers. METRO

Husband charged

Murder trial delayed pending psychiatric report

A delay in a psychiatric report about a Nova Scotia man facing a charge of first-degree murder in the death of his wife resulted in an adjournment today in the case.

Patrick Chareka, 49, has been charged in the death of Otilia Chareka. The 42-year-old St. Francis Xavier University professor died in hospital after an incident in her Antigonish home in March 2011.

Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Antigonish heard Wednesday that the final psychiatric report on the accused isn't ready.

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Some explainin' to do

Jury dodgers summoned before judge

A Halifax judge has ordered 15 people to appear before him on Thursday to explain why they ignored summonses requiring them to take part in jury selection for the murder trial of Chaze Lamar Thompson last year.

Judge Glen McDougall of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court asked sheriffs to track down the absentees after 110 of 280 people failed to show up on Sept. 10 for the trial of Thompson, later convicted of murdering Sergei Kostin in 2009.

Those caught skipping the jury-selection process face a \$1,000 fine or possible jail time.

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Workers continue construction on Central Library on Wednesday. After a heated debate, councillors voted to raise the budget for the centre. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Central Library debate prompts spat over taxpayer fairness

Money talk. How about a library in our districts? say McCluskey, Dalrymple



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Halifax regional council has approved a request from the Library Board to increase the budget for the new Central Library by \$2 million, but the debate wasn't without fireworks.

Judith Hare, CEO of Halifax Regional Libraries, told the audit and finance committee that the request is for \$600,000 already in the library's reserve fund and a \$1.4-million increase in the fundraising limit.

The money will be used to upgrade some interior finishes.

"There is huge interest in this project and we want to make sure it looks every bit as good inside as it does on the outside," Hare said.

Some councillors were concerned the city would be liable for any shortfall in

The upshot

- Committee members passed the funding request by a vote of 7-2.

fundraising, but the major opposition came from two councillors who said taxpayers aren't being treated fairly.

"All HRM residents are paying for this and there are many residents who will never visit this library," Coun. Gloria McCluskey said.

"So let's not fool ourselves into thinking everyone's happy about this."

Coun. Barry Dalrymple demanded to know whether residents in his district would ever get a library branch.

As Hare addressed their concerns, Coun. Stephen Adams interrupted, chastising councillors for their questions.

"If we're going to bash the library, I'm not interested," he said. "I'm one of the people who will probably never go ... but it's not fair to make Ms. Hare defend the library."

Ministers won't appear at committee on \$27M error



Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Nova Scotia's auditor general clarified Wednesday who was in the loop on a budget error last year, telling a legislature committee that the Treasury Board — not cabinet — knew about the mistake.

Jacques Lapointe told the public accounts committee he considered the board "adequate proxy" for reporting to cabinet.

"We should have been clearer on that," Lapointe said after questioning by New Democrat Clarrie MacKinnon.

The Treasury Board consists of some members of cabinet.

Last week, Lapointe said the NDP government knowingly delivered a budget last spring that included a deficit forecast of \$211 million, when the actual figure was \$238 million. Lapointe said his office urged the Finance Department to inform cabinet and that was done.

Premier Darrell Dexter has denied knowing anything about the mistake and has never sat on the Treasury Board.

Former finance minister Graham Steele was a member of the board at the time. But his successor, Finance Minister Maureen MacDonald, was not.

A motion to have Steele, MacDonald and the chairman of the Treasury Board appear before the public accounts committee was rejected on Wednesday.

All five New Democrats on the nine-member, all-party committee voted against the motion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Marijuana plants

Two charged in Dartmouth drug bust

Two Dartmouth men were arrested after police say they found drugs at a Bellbrook Crescent home on Tuesday night.

Members of the Integrated Drug Unit carried out a search of the apartment in the 100 block around 7:30 p.m.

Police say the officers seized marijuana plants and equipment used in a growing operation of the plant. **METRO**

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Spain. Court frees N.S. man after finding him guilty of drug trafficking

A Nova Scotia fisherman convicted of drug trafficking was immediately released in a decision by a Spanish court Wednesday, more than three years after a cargo ship was seized.

The Canadian lawyer for Philip Halliday said the Digby man was freed as a result of a written decision handed down in Madrid.

Kevin Burke said he was awaiting translation of Spanish court documents but assumed his client was released because of time already served.

"They've obviously taken that into consideration, but until I have an opportunity of looking at the judgment itself,

it would appear that they felt there was no further need to have Mr. Halliday incarcerated."

Burke said Halliday was to be picked up by Canadian embassy officials before further arrangements were made to return him to Canada.

Halliday, 56, was a crewman aboard the Destiny Empress and had been held by authorities since the vessel was apprehended off the coast of Spain on Dec. 21, 2009.

Police said they found 1.5 tonnes of cocaine aboard the boat, but Halliday maintained his innocence, saying he had no idea there were drugs on board.

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Airport sets new passenger record

Halifax travel. Strong first half of 2012 led to rise in airport traffic

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It seems people had places to go in 2012.

The Halifax Stanfield International Airport announced Wednesday they had more than 3.5 million passengers last year. The exact total — 3,605,701 — is a new record for the airport.

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was thanks to a very strong first half," Tom Ruth, Halifax International Airport Authority President and CEO, said in a release.

In the second part of the year the airport experienced a downward trend in its number of passengers. The airport expects this trend to carry into

the first few months of 2013.

Overall, the airport reported an increase in both domestic and international traffic. However, traffic to the U.S. declined 5.7 per cent compared to 2011.

Passenger traffic increased by 0.3 per cent overall.

Jerry Staples, vice-president of air service and marketing development, said the airport's business is moving in the right direction despite the current economic environment.

"This industry is so aligned to economic conditions," he said. "But now you seldom see a centre seat empty anymore."

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To gamble is not divine, says Quebec lotto commission

Papal search. Betting on the new pope ruled out as bookies deem French-Canadian cardinal a top pick

All bets are off in Quebec as to whether a local becomes the next pope.

The provincial lottery commission says it will not follow the lead of some foreign gambling houses that allow people to place bets on who might inherit St. Peter's throne.

The organization isn't swayed by the fact that a fellow Quebecer, Cardinal Marc Ouellet, just so happens to be the favourite or among the top picks, according to bookmakers.

While Loto-Quebec recently branched out beyond sports gambling by introducing betting on the upcoming



Odds are good that Quebec Cardinal Marc Ouellet might be the next pope. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

ing Oscars, a spokesman said Wednesday it has no plans to get into religion.

"Loto-Quebec has no intention to offer betting on the identity of the next pope," said spokesman Jean-Pierre Roy. "I don't think that's what people would expect from a government organiza-

tion."

Roy said sports gambling has been a fixture since the early 1990s. In recent weeks, the corporation has been testing the waters on betting on the Oscars and Roy says it will only know after the Feb. 24 ceremony whether it was a hit. The Atlantic Lottery Corp. was the first to announce it would offer Oscar betting this year.

"But betting on a religious event, we're not sure that would be the best way to go," Roy said.

Since Pope Benedict XVI's surprise announcement on Monday that he will step down on Feb. 28, Quebecers have weighed in on whether Ouellet could be next in line.

Ouellet, the 68-year-old native of La Motte, Que., was named a cardinal in 2003. In 2010 he was made head of the powerful Congregation for Bishops, which vets bishops nominations worldwide.

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Capping a reign

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone takes off his skull cap after delivering a speech to Pope Benedict XVI at the end of the Ash Wednesday mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

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New Vatican bank head to be named

The Vatican says a new president of its embattled bank is expected to be announced within days.

The Institute for Religious Works, or IOR, has been without a leader since May, when its board ousted Italian banker Ettore Gotti Tedeschi for incompetence. It was a stunning move that came just as the Vatican was submitting its finances to a review by the Council of Europe in a bid to join the list of financially transparent countries.

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Agriculture

Government funds beet study

The federal government is spending \$600,000 to help the sugar-beet industry find new uses for the sweet tuber.

The money goes to the Alberta Sugar Beet Growers to study if beets can be used as a renewable alternative to petrochemicals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tories say they'll zap zombies

Will zombies ever take over Parliament Hill?

Never!

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is on the case.

Baird assured the House of Commons that Canada remains a zombie-free zone.

The odd exchange came Wednesday near the end of the daily question period.

Winnipeg New Democrat Pat Martin raised the matter of a Quebec government disaster-planning exercise that used a mock zombie invasion as its premise.

B-movie templates of an invasion of the "living dead" have also been used for emergency preparedness drills in the United States.

"I don't need to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that zombies don't recognize borders," Martin warned the House, tongue planted in cheek.

Is the foreign minister, asked the NDP MP, working with his American partners "to develop an international zombie strategy so that a zombie invasion does not turn into a zombie apocalypse?" Baird rose to the occasion with an equally glib response, telling the House that he was "dead-icated" to the matter.

"Under the leadership of this prime minister, Canada will never become a safe haven for zombies, ever," said Baird.

But he couldn't resist resurrecting an undead Tory talking point that has lurched through the parliamentary corridors for months: The NDP's fictional carbon tax, which a smiling Baird said would raise the cost of zombie-related emergency provisions — including monster trucks — for all Canadians.

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Fighting the vitriol

Female premiers face war of words. 'I think this kind of behaviour needs to be shamed,' says blogger who hates hateful speech



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Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne is "a lesbian tree hugger."

Quebec Premier Pauline Marois, "a dumb b—h."

And, depending on who you ask, B.C.'s Christy Clark needs to either button up her shirt or simply take it off.

These are the kinds of tweets, Facebook posts and comments you'll find collected at Madam Premier, a new blog dedicated to exposing the vitriol hurled at Canada's female first ministers.

"Their jobs are hard enough without having to be criticized on the basis of their gender," says the blog's owner, Diamond Isinger.

"If I wasn't already involved, this certainly wouldn't encourage me to enter into public life or electoral politics."

A resident of Vancouver and a self-described "policy wonk," Isinger started the blog Tuesday night. By Wednesday afternoon, nearly 3,000 people had visited.

The blog is part of a new "naming and shaming" tactic, where activists point fingers at those posting hateful speech online.

Last year, a Toronto feminist made headlines for identifying the man behind a violent and misogynistic video game. Shortly after, a Calgary man was fired from his job for mocking Amanda Todd on Facebook.

"Sunlight is the best disinfectant," Isinger said. "I think this kind of behaviour needs to be shamed."

York University's Dr. Jennifer Jenson says that by aggregating misogynistic comments, blogs like Madam Premier show that sexism is still a systemic problem.

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No severance pay

Military kicks out naval spy Delisle

Jeffrey Delisle, the naval officer who spied for the Russians, was stripped of his commission, his service decorations and kicked out of the military Wednesday.

National Defence said he will forfeit his severance pay.

And the federal government will move to recover the salary paid to him since he was arrested in January 2012.

Delisle's disclosure of secret information was intolerable and inexcusable, said Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

Delisle was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

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Belgium criticized over conflict diamonds

Easing restrictions.

Country claims concern is for Zimbabweans, monitoring group sees profit motive

A world monitoring group on conflict diamonds said Wednesday it wants restrictions on the sale of Zimbabwe diamonds tightened after calls to relax them by diamond com-

panies in Belgium.

Belgium has argued the controls hurt revenue filtering down to ordinary Zimbabweans. But Global Witness insisted in a statement circulated Wednesday the nation's interests were "closer to home" in its diamond centre of Antwerp that promotes diamond gifts around Valentine's Day.

The eastern Zimbabwe fields of Marange, where diamonds are mined, have long

been mired in allegations of killings, human-rights violations and corruption.

The group warned against what it called "a love triangle" between Belgium, its diamond dealers and Zimbabwe.

"European Union members seeking to promote democracy and stability in Zimbabwe should avoid a menage-a-trois with Belgium and its diamond dealers this Valentine's Day," it said.

It said Belgium is pressing for a European Union embargo on Zimbabwe Mining Development Corporation — at the forefront of diamond sales — to be lifted immediately.

Global Witness called for the corporation to remain strictly bound by European restrictions and called for Chinese companies Anjin and Sam Pa to be added to the European sanctions list.

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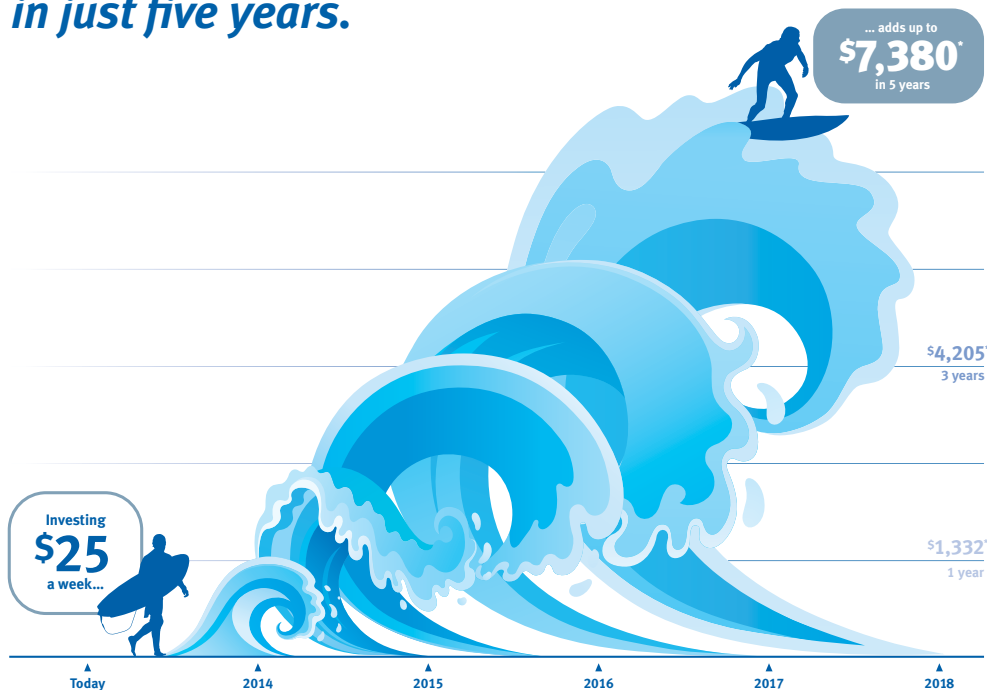


An unidentified diamond trader examines a newly polished stone at the Diamond Market in Antwerp, Belgium. GETTY IMAGES FILE



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Watchdog. Retailers misled on card payments

A federal consumer watchdog says some credit and debit card payment companies are breaking rules it created to protect retailers, which in turn could be costing Canadians more money.

The Financial Consumer Agency of Canada issued a warning to the industry on Wednesday that it will not tolerate payment companies who mislead merchants into paying hidden fees or lock them into confusing contracts.

The concerns stem from a code of conduct introduced by the federal government nearly three years ago designed to encourage further clarity in the contracts signed between retailers and credit and debit card companies.

But the agency said it found some payment companies, who it did not name, have been misrepresenting the terms of contracts with

merchants by advertising and promising rates that they were unable to honour.

"This guidance is meant to address these issues by providing better disclosure to merchants and eliminating inappropriate sales and business practices that result in increased costs for merchants, and consequently for consumers as well," said commissioner Ursula Menke in a release.

The agency said its investigation found that some merchants signed agreements that they later discovered were linked to additional contracts that had different cancellation clauses, penalty fees or costs associated with them.

While the merchant was able to cancel the agreement without penalty, the agency said they were still locked into paying additional fees to cancel the other contracts.

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Brazilian patent office

Local company has rights to iPhone

Brazil's patent authority has taken a bite out of Apple with an announcement Wednesday that the iPhone name in Brazil belongs to a local company called Gradiente SA, not to the global computer giant.

The verdict doesn't forbid Apple from using the name in Brazil.

Gradiente had filed its request to use the iPhone brand in 2000. Their request to use the iPhone trademark was granted in 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frozen lasagna

Horsemeat reaches Germany

The European horsemeat scandal has spread to Germany. A spokeswoman for the country's agriculture and consumer protection ministry says officials were notified Tuesday that a shipment of frozen lasagna containing horsemeat was delivered to at least one trader in western Germany.

Millions of burgers and frozen meals have been recalled across Europe since the discovery of mislabelled horsemeat last month.

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A WRITTEN HISTORY OF ST. VALENTINE



HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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One little-known fact about me (along with every other fact) is that I am a Valentine's Day history buff. This is why so many women I've spent Valentine's Day with have told me, "You're

history." Their words, not mine.

It's a fascinating topic.

By looking back at the origins of Valentine's Day we can see how it overcame its humble beginnings as a 14th-century Coca-Cola promotion to become the genuine and understated holiday we know and love today, giving birth to some of the great poetry and art of our time.

The history of Valentine's Day: From mass decapitation to mass duplication:

Ralph Wiggum syndrome

With its perfect pre-Hollywood combo of romance and violence, Valentine's Day became increasingly popular. The biggest breakthrough came in 1584 when journeyman poet William Shakespeare wrote "Bee my Valentine" next to a picture of a bee.

guished loves and several brutal wars. All was fair in both cases, and nobody ever had to say they were sorry.

The dismal state of affairs (most of the cards ended with the clunky "Be My Lupercalia") eventually changed with the birth of three different men named Valentine, a glorified soul considered so important to God that He built in double-redundancy. The three saints Valentine were very different people, but they all shared one romantic trait: they were all brutally executed.

This, of course, dovetails nicely with our perception of modern love. Since their beheadings, the most perfect loves in fiction have always ended in death (Romeo and Juliet, Rose and Jack, Teen Angel and Narrator) leaving many husbands and wives to wish their romances could end so perfectly.

A number of legends have grown around the executions of St. Valentine(s), not all of them true, but it's clear their deaths gave rise to several famous romance-related phrases.

For instance, it's well documented that the Grand Executioner began each decapitation with the solemn proclamation: "It's not you, it's me."

Also, each saint's head tended to fall on his twitching feet, leading to the well-known phrase, "head over heels." ("To wear your heart on your sleeve" also came about then, but it's best not to get into details.)

With its perfect pre-Hollywood combo of romance and violence, Valentine's Day became increasingly popular. The biggest breakthrough came in 1584 when journeyman poet William Shakespeare wrote "Bee my Valentine" next to a picture of a bee. This brilliant bit of wordplay took off on Reddit, leading to fame and fortune for Shakespeare, despite claims of copyright infringement by user Francis Bacon.

Combined with the invention of the Gutenberg Laserjet Printer, spreading love around the world was soon as simple as plunking down \$8.95. By 2012, for the first time ever, the illness that is love could spread worldwide just as quickly as love-related illnesses.

The poets of the past would be uncharacteristically speechless if they could see how easy sharing the perfect words has become. Though I think if Shakespeare were here today, he'd probably say, "What a time to bee alive. Or if not alive, to buzz off."

I'd love to see him top that.

... and they call it guppy love



CLELIA GASPARINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Advice from a guppy

Choose an ugly wingman to make yourself shine

When it comes to mating, guppies treasure their ugly friends — because they look so good by comparison.

An article published Wednesday by Britain's Royal Society says that male guppies prefer to associate with their drab-coloured counterparts when females are around.

"Males actively choose the social context that maximizes their relative attractiveness," the article said. Or, as lead author Clelia Gasparini put it, "If you are surrounded by ugly friends, you look better."

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The dating game

- **Mating rituals.** An aquarium was set up with one female in partition on either end. Guppy bachelorette No. 1 had two attractive, brightly coloured males placed on either side of her. Guppy bachelorette No. 2 was stuck with uglier, drab-coloured fish.

- **The ugly guppy.** When a male guppy was put in the middle of the tank, and given the choice of which female to approach, bachelorette No. 2 was the more popular pick, with male guppies spending about 62 per cent of their time hanging around her side of the aquarium.

Plenty of fish

Ugly guppy plays matchmaker

The researchers also found that the time guppies spent with the guppy that was surrounded by ugly fish correlated with their unattractiveness. The uglier the guppy, the less likely it was that he would hang around the brightly coloured fish placed next to bachelorette No. 1.

Because it could be argued that guppies avoided their brightly coloured pals because attractive fish were more aggressive, or because predators were more likely to spot them, the experiment was repeated. Researchers ran it without any females, and again with the lights in the male enclosures turned down so that the test guppies couldn't see them.

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Only human

"As a researcher I cannot compare human mating systems with the guppies' one. But if you ask me as a person, sure.... I saw this tactic working pretty well with humans.... If you want to impress someone, do you think you will look more attractive in comparison with Mr. Bean or George Clooney?"

Clelia Gasparini, lead author of article published by Britain's Royal Society



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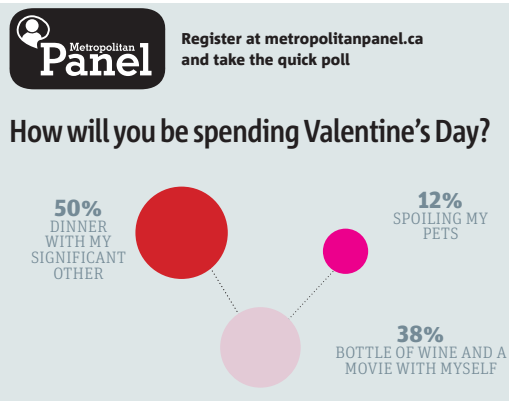
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I Bieber in Love

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One lucky reader will meet Justin Bieber backstage at a future show through Metro's Valentine's Day contest. CONTRIBUTED

Beliebe in love!

Justin Bieber. Enter our Valentine's Day contest for a chance to meet the superstar

**MICHAEL
FREIDSON**
Metro World News

Metro's Justin Bieber contest gives you the once in a lifetime opportunity to meet him backstage at a future show. Alas, we were not so lucky, but the superstar did answer some questions about his new album, *Believe Acoustic*, via email, shortly before heading out on his European tour.

On *Believe Acoustic*, you sound more raw and more available than on previous big-production tracks. How do you make that intimacy sound authentic, even though you're ...

Justin Bieber?

It sounds authentic because it is. Acoustic performances, whether busking in my hometown or on YouTube, are how I got started. Songs and performances like that really give me the chance to connect with my fans. That connection is why I perform an acoustic set as part of my *Believe* Tour every night.

Does this bring us closer to the "real" Justin?

I think everything I put out is a representation of the real me. But this album (*Believe Acoustic*) definitely allows the public to see a different side of me than *Believe*. The sound of this album is a lot rawer and more exposed.

I ask because previous stars your age — Timberlake, Britney — usually start to define their sound for an older audience around this time. Where are you going?

Quoted

"I'm just growing up and my sound is maturing with me. I just write about what is going on in my life."

Justin Bieber, on his new album *Believe Acoustic*

I'm just growing up and my sound is maturing with me. I don't spend a lot of time planning where my music will go next. I just write about what is going on in my life and how I am feeling and it's causing the music to grow with me in a very organic way.

Lots of guys in dorm rooms everywhere play acoustic guitars to pick up girls and fail, because they look cheesy. What tips do you have for them?
Be confident.

What are you doing this Valentine's Day?

I've got a small break before my U.K. tour dates start so

I'm still figuring it out.

What's the wildest offer you've had from a fan?
I get a lot of marriage proposals.

We have to ask about Nothing Like Us, a song about your break up with Selena Gomez — you told Billboard you're not in the happiest place and have friends to get you through. What have you learned about relationships?
I have learned a lot about who I am and who I want to be.

And?
I've also learned how to be there for someone else.

Bieber's V-Day Playlist

Justin creates his ultimate romantic mixed tape — fire up the iTunes and turn down the lights!

- **I'll Make Love To You.** Boyz II Men
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Safe Haven

Director. Lasse Hallstrom

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Josh Duhamel and Julianne Hough are blandly likeable enough but this seventh big-screen adaptation of a Nicholas-Sparks-authored heart flutterer won't find a safe haven from discerning audiences. Simply put, this tale is about a woman seeking sanctuary in a sleepy town who falls for a widower while her psychotic hubby hunts her down. Veteran filmmaker Lasse Hallstrom (Dear John) does his best to mould the melodrama but Safe Haven is still mostly stale and unmistakably safe storytelling.

STEVE GOW

Romance/Drama



Beautiful Creatures

Director. Richard LaGravenese

Stars. Alice Englert,
Alden Ehrenreich

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Based on a series of young adult novels, Beautiful Creatures is likely aimed at the same cinematic spend-thrift crowd that turned the Twilight franchise into box-office alchemy. Adapting the love story between a longing, teenaged book-worm and his supernatural girlfriend with a curse, Oscar-nominated-filmmaker Richard LaGravenese (The Fisher King) clutters an ultimately simplistic story with complications that are neither all that compulsory nor compelling. It ends up anything but super or natural.

STEVE GOW

Action



A Good Day To Die Hard

Director. John Moore

Stars. Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney,
Sebastian Koch

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The original Die Hard is an '80s classic. A near perfect mix of action, humour and Bruce Willis' charisma, it was a claustrophobic thriller set inside an office building. Since then the movies have slowly opened up the action, becoming more generic with every added location. The new film sees Willis in Russia joining forces with his CIA operative son (Jai Courtney). It has exotic locations and a body count that would take a mathematician to calculate, but none of the wit or style of the first film.

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JOHN MCCLANE'S BODY COUNT

We chart the number of bad guys Bruce Willis has dispatched over the four Die Hard films — and see what the data might tell us about how he'll do in the fifth instalment, A Good Day to Die Hard.



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Stephen Fearing is touring to promote his latest album, *Between Hurricanes*. HANDOUT

Between Hurricanes written in a burst

Stephen Fearing. Folk singer-songwriter says between playing in a band and solo work, he's grown considerably as an artist



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Show info

- **What.** Stephen Fearing
- **When.** Thursday, 9 p.m.
- **Where.** The Company House

For Blackie and the Rodeo Kings' Stephen Fearing, becoming a solo artist may have been a part of his career's natural progression.

According to Fearing, who brings his latest solo album, *Between Hurricanes*, to The Company House on Valentine's Day, there is a laundry list of pros and cons to being both a brother in the band and stepping out on your own.

With music in his blood, Fearing began his musical career in earnest in the early 1980s, releasing his first album, *Out to Sea*, in 1988. By his third album, *The Assassin's Apprentice*, Fearing earned himself a Juno nod in 1994. Two years later, Fearing joined Colin Linden and Tom Wilson to create Blackie and the Rodeo Kings.

"If I continued to be a solo musician forever, I wouldn't have developed nearly as much," he said. "Playing in an ensemble that isn't based around your music means that you have to learn to play music with the same kind of authority as in a solo career — I think that's a really good thing if you want to develop yourself into a really good musician."

After a seven year hiatus, *Between Hurricanes* catches fans up with Fearing who, now 50, has come through personal struggles with this album.

"My 14-year marriage that came to an end, dealing with the hurricane that is Blackie," he said. "Juggling all those things isn't any different from anyone else's life but can seem greater during periods where you don't think you could do more but you realize you have to and on top of it you've got to take your daughter to school."

In a burst of writing, said Fearing, *Between Hurricanes* was a major release of his subconscious. Happy with the product, Fearing continues to focus on both the art and craft of song writing.

"As a songwriter, whether you mean to or not, there's a lot of autobiography involved but you try to put yourself in other people's shoes and look at the world through other people's eyes and that really shows up in this record."

Power of the mind

"The subconscious is powerful. You may find yourself staring at a blank piece of paper and worry, 'What the hell am I going to write' only to look down a couple hours later and there's a song there."

Stephen Fearing

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Bruce Willis ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Willis only hits the bottle a bit now

Bruce Willis admits he used to have a drinking problem, leading to a brief foray into complete sobriety, but he's past all that now. "I had been sober (for a while)," he tells GQ magazine, explaining that he eased off his personal prohibition "once I realized that I wasn't going to run myself off the pier of life with alcohol, drinking vodka out of the bottle every day." As for his current drinking habits? "I have wine now,

mostly when I eat," he says. Of course, Willis is still facing the unstoppable march of time. "Nobody wants to hear this bad news, but we're all dying on some level," he says. "I'm going to try to keep this machine moving forward as much as possible and not have to think about the eventuality of becoming more frail and less able to do the work. I know that I'm not going into politics. That's not an option."

Swift response to exes, Underwood



Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift had more exes on her mind at the Grammys than just Harry Styles, whom she mocked during her performance of We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together. The lovelorn singer also made a point of avoiding ex-boyfriend John Mayer and his current squeeze, Katy Perry, despite being seated near each other, according to Us Weekly. And as for reports that Grammy organizers were ordered to keep Swift away from rival Carrie Underwood? "Taylor feels Carrie is always rude to her, so she steers clear of her," a source tells the magazine, pointing out that "after Carrie performed, Taylor didn't stand. Everyone else did."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Hugh Jackman: Nope, not gay



THE WORD
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Just because he has a deep love of musical theatre, lives in the West Village and has an older wife does not make Hugh Jackman gay. In an in-depth interview with The Hollywood Reporter, the Australian star addresses the gay rumours that constantly swirl around him. "Just recently, it bugs her," Jackman, 44, said about what his wife of 16 years, Deborah-Lee Furness, 57, reads online. "She goes: 'It's big. It's everywhere!'" His X-Men producer Lauren Shuler Donner even went

on record with the magazine to talk about their marriage. "I have seen him with Deborah since the beginning of their trip to Hollywood, and I've been on five movie sets with him and have never seen him stray, have never seen him eye anyone," she said. "I met him when he did Oklahoma! (at London's Royal National Theatre in 1999). He was genuine, hugely talented. He was in love with his wife that day and still is."

Doth thou protest too much? Who gets their producer on record to talk about the state of their marriage?

See? I'm doing it too! Why can't we believe that a drop-dead handsome, successful matinee idol can be happily in love with someone not on his level, looks-wise? Also, aren't we at the place in society that he could come out if he wanted to? Or am I just dreaming big here?

Gaga's pain puts concerts on hold



Lady Gaga

Lady Gaga has postponed her next four concerts because a joint inflammation condition called synovitis has left her unable to walk, she revealed on Twitter. "I've been hiding a show injury and chronic pain for sometime now. Over the past month it has worsened," the singer tweeted. "I've been praying it would heal. I hid it from my staff, I didn't want to disappoint my amazing fans. However, after last night's performance I could not walk and still can't." Makeup dates for the cancelled shows have yet to be announced.

Martin a dad

Steve Martin reportedly became a dad for the first time when his 41-year-old wife, Anne Stringfield, "had a baby" in December, according to the New York Post, but the real story is that the 67-year-old comedian has managed to keep the story under wraps. "How they kept it a secret nobody knows," a source says. "Steve's very private. They are thrilled. They worked hard to have the baby." The pair was recently spotted with a baby in L.A.



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Trinidadian-born American rapper Theophilus London now calls Brooklyn his home. HANDOUT

London calling: Theophilus and the finer things

The song and pants. Young artist helping to usher in an era where hip hop and High Street go hand in hand

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"Kids used to want to be rappers, but now they want to be fashion designers, which is cool. It's an education," says Theophilus London.

The New-York-based rapper is talking about his legions of fans and network of starry friends, which he refers to as "kids."

But in terms of the music industry, London, at 25, is still a youth himself — though a savvy one.

In fact, he's probably had more magazine and newspaper profiles (GQ, Esquire, Elle, The New York Times) and fashion collaborations (Cole Haan, Stüssy and Surface to Air) than he's had musical airtime.

And he can name drop with the best of them. Solange Knowles is "like family, like a sister."

He casually mentions seeing mood boards out at Kanye West's house. Those are some

impressive connections considering that London, who was actually born in Trinidad, has only released one album, an EP and a selection of mix tapes.

Usually the lucrative endorsement spoils are rewarded after years of toil, making records or movies. However, London has managed to capitalize off of his personal style and cool credibility first.

"Rappers used to be wearing Air Jordans. I still wear them. But now, the progressive kids are more educated and wanting Givenchy, Rick Owens or Alexander Wang. And Kanye's clothes — they're dope," he says.

While London is answering my interview questions from the set of a Chevrolet commercial, he swears he approaches it all with a strategy and awareness that extends beyond the next commercial paycheck.

"I'd never do anything with McDonald's, for example. They're not moral," he says. "I have my own agenda."

For now, that includes a new album coming out this summer and planned collaborations with Azealia Banks and Frank Ocean.

"I never do things just for the money. I have to believe in it."

Hipster hop

"Rappers used to be wearing Air Jordans. I still wear them. But now, the progressive kids are more educated and wanting Givenchy, Rick Owens or Alexander Wang."

Theophilus London

Independently inspired

A studied approach to style



"The black suit and hat that I'm wearing on the cover of my first album, *Timez Are Weird These Days*, was inspired by Leon Ware (the writer behind Marvin Gaye's *I Want You* record). I got a lot of work off of the back of that. I know how to dress. I have a look and I don't need a stylist to tell me what to wear," London said.

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Dear Ketchup Lover,
Your friend is correct. Ketchup is first and foremost a great condiment, but if used on copper it is a good cleaner for removing light tarnishing as well. This is how I have tried it in the past with great

success: wash the copper pot using normal dish soap, dry, then take a liberal amount of ketchup and spread it all over the copper surface.

Let it stand for a good 20 to 30 minutes. Rinse with warm water and repeat if necessary. So why does this work? Well the magic is all in the ketchup.

It is actually the acid from the tomatoes that act as the cleaning agent. The myth is true!

Dessert. Chocolate Bark



1. Line rimmed baking sheet with waxed paper. Have all your bark toppings ready before melting chocolate. If your chocolate is in bars or large, thick pieces, use knife to carefully chop into small bits. Transfer chocolate to large glass measuring cup or bowl, then heat in microwave on medium, stopping to stir every 20 to 30

seconds, until melted.

2. Pour the chocolate onto the prepared pan, then tap the pan on the counter to level the melted chocolate. Immediately sprinkle your choice of toppings over the surface of the chocolate. Allow to cool completely and set up, then break into pieces. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients

1 lb dark, milk or white chocolate

pumpkin seeds, chopped dried apricots

Topping Suggestions:

- Large-flake coconut, toasted sliced almonds, cocoa nibs

- Chopped candied ginger, chopped macadamia nuts, toasted coconut

- Chopped dried cherries, shelled pistachios, chopped chocolate wafer cookies, large flake sea salt

- Broken salted pretzel sticks, cut up mini marshmallows, caramel popcorn

- Crushed toffee pieces, toasted

For your phone

Sara Jenkin's New Italian Pantry (iPad; \$3.99)



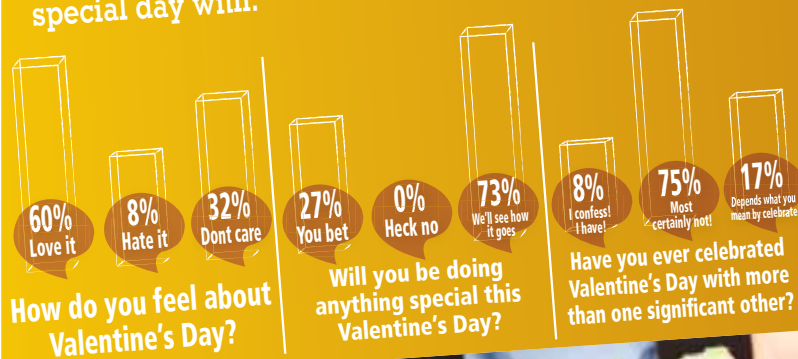
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Be spontaneous, be inspired. With 16 key ingredients, Sara Jenkins will show you how to cook a variety of dishes on impulse. Imagine porchetta-style tuna, pan-roasted potatoes, or Spaghetti Cacio e Pepe.



Sharing the love on Valentine's Day!

We asked our Metropolitan Panel what their plans are this Valentine's Day and who they'll be sharing their special day with.



Whatever your plans are today we hope you'll be sharing it with someone special.

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News worth sharing.

Curling

Team Arsenault
hoping for one
more national
title at Scotties

Team Arsenault is hitting the road Thursday in search of its sixth Canadian championship at the 2013 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

The nine-day event starts Saturday in Kingston, Ont.

With skip Mary-Anne Arsenault leading the way, the Mayflower rink made up of third Kim Kelly, second Colleen Jones, lead Jen Baxter and fifth Nancy Delahunt will have a formidable challenge on its hands during the 12-team tournament, which includes defending champion Heather Nedohin of Alberta.

"People have been asking us will we be looking at the rafters and reminiscing? No we won't, and our mindset is that there is a job to be done there," said Jones.

"First we want to make the playoffs and stop thinking of outcomes and just allow ourselves to get into the process of playing the game."

Baxter, 25, who owns a provincial junior title, is a newcomer to the group, which also boasts a pair of world titles to go with five national banners.

Another win will help them realize their goal of qualifying for Olympic trials later this year.

Nova Scotia will take on Quebec on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the team's first game of the round-robin schedule.

Playoffs get underway on Feb. 23 with the final scheduled for Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

"It's a strong field, right across the country," said Jones. "It's so important to be present for every moment and every game."

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO



Former Halifax Moosehead Andrew Bodnarchuk has played five games in the NHL for the Boston Bruins. After being called up by the Los Angeles Kings only to be sent back to the AHL, the 24-year-old is hoping he'll get another shot. STEVE BABINEAU/CONTRIBUTED

Bodnarchuk confident Kings will come calling

Stepping up.
Former Moosehead
blueliner awaits
another shot at the
throne



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Andrew Bodnarchuk believes it's just a matter of time before he's back in the NHL with the Los Angeles Kings.

After being called up by the reigning Stanley Cup champions on Jan. 21, the Hammonds Plains defenceman and former Halifax

Mooseheads captain was sent back to his American Hockey League affiliate, the Manchester Monarchs, last Wednesday.

But the 24-year-old said he's been given every indication from Kings management and coaching staff his time will come, and to be prepared.

"I know they're impressed with my game both at training camp and the couple of weeks I spent with the Kings," said Bodnarchuk. "I was reminded to stay ready, to stay mentally prepared, because there would be a time where I would be slotted into games."

Bodnarchuk was given his opportunity after Kings'

Big league bucks

\$351,219

Andrew Bodnarchuk's pro-rated NHL salary for the shortened 48-game season, earned only while on the Kings' roster, is \$351,219.

blueliner Matt Greene went down with an injury, but the defenceman never played in any games.

"I was optimistic that I might get a couple games so it was a little disappointing," Bodnarchuk said from Manchester, N.H., on Wednesday. "We're only 12 games into the season so there's a lot of time. I'm not the type of guy to push the panic button. I'm

hoping to get back there this season. I do believe that will happen."

In 41 games with Manchester, Bodnarchuk has three goals, nine assists and a plus-8 rating.

Overall, Bodnarchuk has played in five NHL games, all with the Boston Bruins during the 2009-10 season.

While he's currently committed to the Monarchs, he's itching to make the next step.

"Your first couple years you're just thrilled to be playing in the AHL and playing professional hockey," he said. "But now I think I'm ready to make the next step. I'm doing what I have to do to be in top shape, physically and mentally."

NHL. Pens beat Sens, Karlsson injures Achilles

James Neal scored twice and Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists to help the Pittsburgh Penguins beat Ottawa 4-2 on Wednesday night in a game marred by the loss of Senators star defenceman Erik Karlsson to a left Achilles injury.

The Norris Trophy winner last season as the NHL's top defenceman, Karlsson was cut by Penguins forward Matt Cooke's skate blade as the two tangled along the boards late in the second period. The Senators said Karlsson will need surgery.

Pascal Dupuis also scored for Pittsburgh, Paul Martin

On Wednesday

4

Penguins

2

Senators

had two assists, and Marc-Andre Fleury made 26 saves. The Penguins snapped a two-game losing streak to pull within a point of Eastern Conference-leading New Jersey.

The Senators lost for the fifth time in seven games.

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AUS hockey

Axemen, X-Men fall in playoff openers

The Acadia Axemen and St. Francis Xavier X-Men are in trouble in the Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoffs.

The two Nova Scotia schools each dropped Game 1 of their best-of-three quarterfinal series on Wednesday night.

The Axemen were outscored 7-5 by the Moncton Aces Blues in Wolfville, while the Prince Edward Island Panthers edged the X-Men 4-3 in Antigonish.

Game 2 in each series goes Friday night. METRO

Olympics. Wrestling leader to argue for sport with IOC

Facing a wave of criticism from around the world, IOC president Jacques Rogge will meet with the head of wrestling's governing body to discuss ways the sport can fight to save its place in the Olympics.

The IOC executive board dropped wrestling from the program of the 2020 Games on Tuesday, a decision that brought a sharp backlash from wrestling organizations and national Olympic bodies around the world — including Canada, the United States, Russia and Iran.

The move must still be ratified by the full International Olympic Committee in Sep-



IOC President Jacques Rogge
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tember, giving wrestling time to try to overturn a decision against a sport that dates back to the ancient Olympics and has been featured since the inaugural modern games in 1896.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

It doesn't matter what you do today so long as you do something. If you sit still for more than a minute this morning, you may not get up again until the evening — and only to go back to bed.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There is no point trying to judge people by your own standards. They will never match up. The best you can hope for, today and any other day, is that they learn from your good example. So go on, be one.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The more others try to get you to change, the more you should stick with what you know and trust. No doubt they will come up with all sorts of reasons why you should take a risk, but don't do it.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What sounds like bad news is nothing of the sort. Chances are you are looking at it from completely the wrong angle. Facts are facts, of course, but even facts can sometimes be open to interpretation.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are not the sort to give up just because you failed at something once. Yes, you may be annoyed that you did not do a project justice, but there is still plenty of time to do it again and do it right.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is something you have to do today and even though it may be a total bore you know that until you see it through to completion partners and colleagues won't give you a moment's peace. Get started on it now.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may hear a few whispers or rumours today, most likely about someone you like. You are advised to ignore them. Most likely, it is just nasty he said, she said. Even if it is true, it's still nothing to do with you.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Don't cut any corners today because someone important is watching and they will make a big deal of it. It may be that you have to do a lot of work for very little profit, but sometimes that's just how it is.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You don't have to put up with people who waste your precious time on trivial things. Tell them where to go today, and say it in a way that makes it clear you mean it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You may be eager to make changes but you won't be able to push partners faster than they want to go today. Which begs the question: Have you signed up with the wrong partners? Give it some thought.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

No matter how hard you try to persuade a friend or work colleague to see things your way, it just isn't going to happen, so give up. It's true, you know, some people are almost as stubborn as you!

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Other people may be selfish and put their own interests first but not you. With Mars, Mercury and Neptune all moving through your sign, you know it pays to be generous. The more you give now, the more you'll get later.

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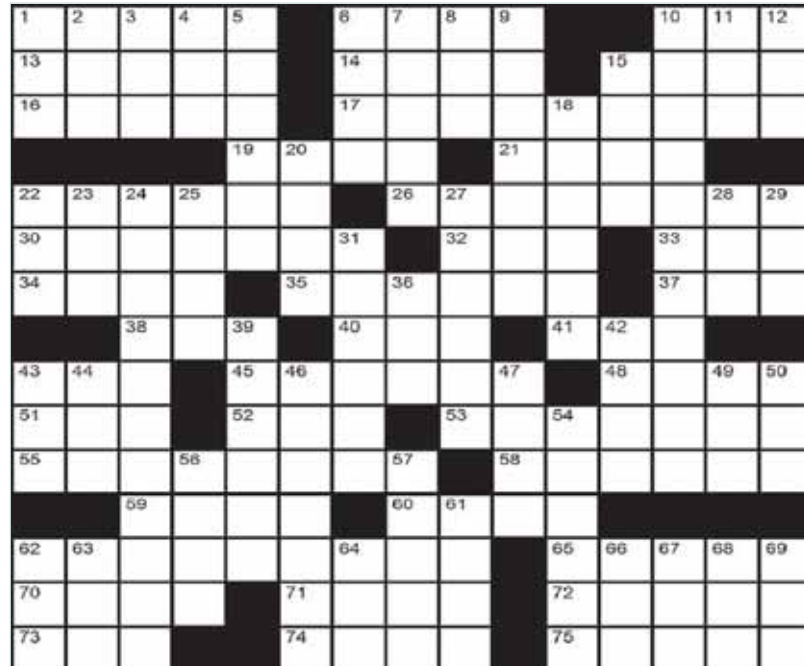
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Valentine's Day icon
- "Rich Bride ___ Bride" on Slice
- Sisqo's group, ___ Hill
- Popeye's beloved
- Sparkling wine city of Italy
- Italian car manufacturer
- Actress Kathy
- Valentine's gift
- Speck
- Khloe Kardashian's husband, Lamar ___
- James Blunt album: 'Back to ___'
- Rocky sun-orbiter
- Versus
- Extra sports periods, for short
- Perfume by Cacharel
- Explosive star
- Eucalyptus eaters
- Horse coat hue
- Bug
- Deli bread
- Nav. rank
- Misfire
- "That's being taken care of by me, boss!": 3 wds.
- Isn't, wrong-style
- Cute bark
- 'Alma' add-on (Facts reference book)
- Taylor of 'Twilight' flicks
- ___ Gold Rush
- Canadian auto service company
- Shaker stuff
- Gardening tool
- Emily Bronte's ___ Heights
- Himalayas land
- Chemical suffixes
- 'Susp' add-on
- Curtain
- Val- ___, Quebec
- Investigators, for short
- "When Harry Met ___" (1989)

Down

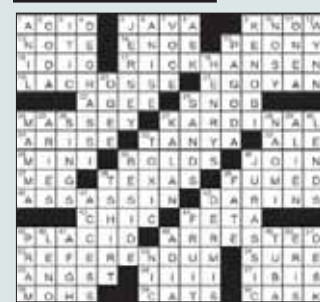
- Corn on the ___
- Suffix with 'Form'
- Peach part
- 'Excess' suffix
- Canadian singer Shawn



- Agreement
- "Romeo and Juliet" (1968) actor Milo
- Prefix that means 'Ear'
- Cheese in lasagna
- Blue Rodeo hit that goes "...our love shines like a...": 2 wds.
- Alleyway animal
- Sport-___ (Versatile vehicle)
- Flower: Spanish
- Ukraine port city
- City of Russia
- Ray-___ (Sunglasses maker)
- Kind of boost
- Grammy-winning record producer born in Victoria: 2 wds.
- 1997 Jim Carrey comedy, when doubled
- Cirque du ___
- Indebted one's letters
- Mr. Aykroyd
- "For Those About ___" (We Salute You)" by AC/DC
- Novelist Ms. Rand
- Amazon e-book reader
- Court
- Fargo, North ___
- www address
- ___ (Restaurant occupation)
- Chore
- "Waking ___ Devine" (1998)
- Otis Redding song: "___ a Little

- Tenderness"
- Overturns
- Nopes
- Surrealist artist Max
- 'Band' suffix (Medical supplies)
- Tie the knot
- Número ___
- 'Benedict' suffix
- Baseball pitcher's stat.
- Chum
- Fergie's bandmate, ___de.arp
- Grassy field

Yesterday's Crossword

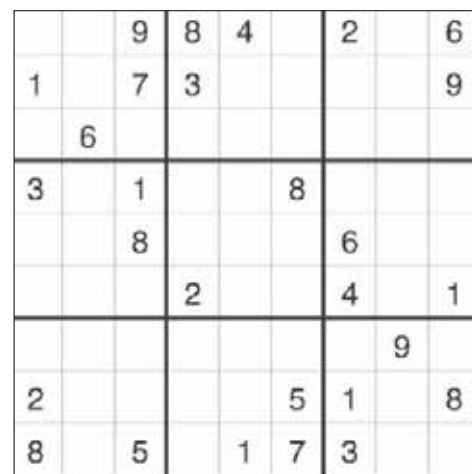


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Today

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Partly sunny

Friday

2°/-1°

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